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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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TITLE: ELEVATOR APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR
RUNNING WELL BORE TUBING

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GROUP ART UNIT: 3672

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Responsive to the outstanding Office Action, please amend the above identified application as follows:

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph 4, page 21 (page 21, lines 27-30 through page 22, lines 1-11), with the following amended paragraph:

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A sleeve 52 surrounds circular body 16, petal plate 36 and link 44, and is moveable parallel to cavity axis 28. Welded interiorly to the sleeve 52 are a pair of rings 54, 56 spaced apart to define a capture gap 58. Link 44 has a finger portion 60 that is received in capture gap 58. Also affixed to the interior of sleeve 52 is an annular stop plate 62 that acts as a downstop limiting sleeve homing travel by impinging on floor plate 30 when sleeve 52 is moved parallel to the axis 28 in a direction traveling away from petal plate 36 (a downward movement in the